Navigating Controversial Issues in the Classroom
A 3-Part Series

Teaching Science in the Current Political Environment

**Wednesday, May 10 at 12pm: SA 4350**

Join Dr. Jean Moran (Earth & Environmental Sciences) and Dr. Jason Smith (Nursing & Health Sciences) in an open dialogue with colleagues in the College of Science on some of the challenges of teaching in the current political environment. Collectively, attendees will explore different scenarios related to actual occurrences at Cal State East Bay - from comments on student survey of learning forms to the influence of fake news. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences, learn from each other, and discuss how to address specific situations.

Teaching in the Current Political Environment: Compassion, Conflict and Community

**Thursday, May 18th 12-1:30pm: SF 328**

What’s the temperature of our campus climate? What about in your classroom? This workshop will feature direct and indirect strategies to build student and faculty empathy, compassion, and resilience and possibly ease some of the interpersonal tensions that might disrupt the learning environment in challenging political times. Learn writing activities that assist students to assist in reducing the impact of stereotype threat and building belonging, hear about strategies in the GE program, and understand multidisciplinary approaches to creating a safe space for critical dialogue and respectful debate about the actions and potential effects of the current political milieu.

**Presenters:** Kristin Layous, Psychology, Daniel Martin, Management, Arnab Mukherjea Nursing and Health Sciences

Supporting Thoughtful and Evidence-Based Classroom Discourse in an Age of Trump

**Friday, May 19th, 12-1:30pm: SF 466**

Are “alternative facts” popping up in your classroom discussions, with tempers flaring? For many faculty, the current political situation is creating challenges in supporting safe, supportive, and accurate discussions in class. This workshop is focused on setting up a classroom culture from the start of the quarter--predicated on both listening to one another and using the evidence and theory foundation to your field.

**Presenters:** Ardella Dailey, Educational Leadership, Kathryn Hayes Educational Leadership